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Amendments of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An airway, neck, and head support used to help stabilize the airway, neck, and head of a supine patient comprising: a device constructed of a continuous piece of polyurethane a preferred foam material having a carved-out central section adjoined by two lateral interior surfaces of equal length, height, and angle creating a neck trough, and surrounded by a continuous piece of foam forming top, bottom, and side exterior surfaces to be cut to a selected shape and selected dimensions and angles of length and height.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said ~~neck trough is generally arch shaped.~~ device, as cut to a selected shape and selected dimensions and angles of length and height, has one continuous exterior end that is thicker than an opposing non-continuous end on which is introduced an opening of inward disposition of a selected length and width, as in a neck trough.

Claims 3-6 (canceled)

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Claim 7 (original): The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said device is cut to selected dimensions and angles causing the end labeled "CHIN" and "CHEST" to be thicker than the opposing end.

Claim 8 (original): The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said device is a continuous piece of polyurethane foam cut to its selected angles and dimensions by appropriate foam cutting saws.

Claim 9 (original): The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said device is designed to fit a supine patient, given local or monitored anesthesia care, with the neck trough fitting over the front of the neck and the exterior top and bottom surfaces of the thicker end touching both the chin and chest, keeping the airway open by elevating the chin and stabilizing the head.

Claim 10 (original): The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 9 wherein said device is further secured into position between the chin and chest with adhesive strips covered by removable labels of "CHIN" and "CHEST" and with an adjustable strap.

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Claim 11 (original): The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 10 wherein the strap used with said device is made of a flexible material, is long enough to extend completely around the device, and is secured, based on the size of the patient's head and length of the neck, with a tab.

Claim 12 (original): The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said device can additionally be used by reclining or supine patients for purposes of providing comfort to the back of the neck and head, as a pillow, prior to the delivery of anesthesia.

Claim 13 (original): The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said device is additionally designed to be placed in various selected positions behind the head to provide alternate means of keeping a supine patient's airway open, chin elevated, and head still during local or monitored anesthesia care.

Claim 14 (original): The airway, neck, and head support device of claim 1 wherein said device is further designed to enable the user to rotate it around the patient's neck or behind the head for selected positions.